National Highways during the course of the 10th Five Year Plan, keeping in view the traffic needs, *inter-se* priority and availability of funds, after the ban is lifted.

Bridge on river Beas

1686. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the bridge on the River Beas at Jallandhar-Pathankot Highways is in a dilapidated condition and there is every likelihood of the bridge collapsing any time; and

(b) the agencies, responsible for upkeep and maintenance of this bridge and the action proposed to be taken to improve the condition of the bridge?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS [MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI]: (a) and (b) The bridge is structurally safe. However, its wearing cost, footpath slab, expansion joint and railing need repair. An estimate amounting to Rs. 85.28 lakhs has been sanctioned for repair of the bridge. This bridge is being maintained by Punjab PWD on behalf of the Ministry. They will execute the repair works.

Kollan By-Pass Phase-ll

1687. SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received a proposal from the State Government of Kerala seeking approval for the Kollan by-pass phase-ll from Kilikollor to Kovandu;

(b) whether Government have accorded sanction for the project;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) if not, by when the sanction is likely to be accorded;

(e) whether Government propose to construct the Bridges at 'Aravila' and 'Kandhanchira' in the above By-pass on BoT basis; and

(f) if so. the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS [MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI]: (a) No, Sir. Only Feasibility Report for the work has been received.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

(e) and (f) Proposal for construction of bridges at 'Aravila (Ch. 960m) and 'Kandhanchira' (Ch. 5690m) in Kollan bypass on BOT basis has not been found viable.

Conversion of Highways into four and six lanes in Rajasthan

†1688. DR. ABRAR AHMED: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the parts of the highways in Rajasthan which are proposed to be converted into four and six lanes;

(b) by when Government propose to convert Jaipur-Kota, Jaipur-Ajmer andTonk-Sawai Madhopur Ranthambhore road into four lane road;

(c) if not, whether Government would reconsider the same; and

(d) whether any funds are lying unutilised for want of schemes[9]

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS [MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI]: (a) As in the statement *(See* below).

(b) to (d) Six-laning work of Jaipur-Kishangarh (near Ajmer) section of National Highway No. 8 has been undertaken on Build-Operate-Transfer (BOT) basis as part of the Golden Quadrilateral component of National Highway Development Project. This project is targeted for completion by October, 2005. Attempts are being made to advance its completion. There is no proposal, at present, to convert Jaipur-Kota section on NH-12 to 4-lanes.The road fromTonk-Sawai Madhopur Ranthambhore is a State Highway whose development is not within the purview of this Ministry.

†Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.